

CHILD CARE STABILIZATION GRANT



The Department of Economic Security, Child Care Administration is pleased to announce the Child Care Stabilization Grant (CCSG) Program that will sustain Arizona's child care network by awarding providers a consistent, reliable funding source to cover increased costs and help address challenges due to COVID-19 through June 2023.

Child care providers must apply to receive funds, grants are not competitive. Providers may utilize grant funds for a variety of expenses including salaries and benefits for employees, bonus incentives for hiring and retention, licensing fees, liability insurance, tuition and registration relief for families, lease and mortgage payments, utilities, classroom materials, and supplies.

These funds are made available to Arizona through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) relief funding appropriated through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), 2021.

Who is Eligible:

Licensed and certified child care providers (categories listed below) that have been licensed as of March 11, 2021.

- DES Non-Certified Relative Providers
- DES Family Child Care Providers (including in-home providers)
- DHS Licensed Centers
- DHS Certified Group Homes
- Tribal Child Care Providers
- Military Child Care Providers

Any providers licensed after March 11, 2021 must contract with DES in order to qualify for grant funding.

Requirements

All providers must be:

- Open and caring for children in person at time of application (this does not include temporary closures of 14 days or less).
- In good standing with DES and their regulatory authority such as DHS, the Tribal or Military regulation authority.
- Providers must submit monthly and quarterly reports.

How To Apply

Providers can [apply here](#) for the CCSG program beginning July 19, 2021.

- Grant awards will be issued monthly in flat grant payments based on provider type/capacity, through June 2023.
- Applications received by August 15, 2021 will receive the first grant payment at the end of August 2021.
- Applications received after the 15th of the month will be reviewed and processed for the following month grant payment. There will be no backdating of grant awards.
- Child care providers will have until September 30, 2023 to spend the grant funds.

If you have any questions please contact childcaregrants@azdes.gov